

Amendments to the Claims:

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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An environmentally friendly plastic container obtained by blow-molding a hollow preform, wherein said container comprises a container main body that is comprised of a biodegradable plastic material.

2. (Original) A plastic container according to claim 1, wherein said container comprises a coating layer that prevents passage of gas or permeation of water at least on the inner surface of the body.

3. (Original) A plastic container according to claim 2, wherein said coating layer comprises a deposited film of diamond-like carbon (DLC), SiO₂, SiC, or SiN.

4. (Currently Amended) A plastic container according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 3, wherein said biodegradable plastic material comprises microbial polymer, chemical synthetic polymer, polylactic/chemical synthetic polymer, or naturally occurring polymer.

5. (New) A plastic container according to claim 2, wherein said biodegradable plastic material comprises microbial polymer, chemical synthetic polymer, polylactic/chemical synthetic polymer, or naturally occurring polymer.

6. (New) A plastic container according to claim 3, wherein said biodegradable plastic material comprises microbial polymer, chemical synthetic polymer, polylactic/chemical synthetic polymer, or naturally occurring polymer.